

Arizona Forest Health Council
Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body
Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –
Arizona Forest Health Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Arizona Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

Arizona Association of Counties Board Room
Thursday, November 14, 2013
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tele Conference Number: 1-877-820-7831
Passcode: 219418#

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Minutes

1. Call to Order – 10:00 am Chair, Scott Hunt

Members Present:

Chair Scott Hunt, Pascal Berlioux, Neil Bosworth, Wally Covington, Gary Moore for Robert Davis, Rebecca Davidson for Bruce Hallin and Steve Rosenstock

Members via Tel-Conference:

Nicole Farr, Steve Gatewood, Kevin Kinsall, Supervisor Tommie Martin, Mayor Jerry Nabours, Co-Chair Sue Sitko, and Darrell Willis

Members Absent:

Don Berry and Kent Bushman

Public:

Scott Griffin and Stephen Levesque from The Campbell Group LLC; Jerry Payne, Deputy State Forester, Scott Van DerToorn, Southwest Forest Products, Mike Wallace and Jerry Levitt from USDA – APHIS, Adam Hawkins, Polsinelli and Patrick Rappold, Wood Utilization & Marketing Specialist Arizona State Forestry.

Chair Scott Hunt welcomed the Forest Health Council members and guests in attendance.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the September FHC Meeting ~

- Pascal Berlioux moved for approval; Steve Rosenstock second.
- Minutes were approved.

3. 4 FRI Update ~ Pascal Berlioux

- Pascal stated that implementation and planning was winding down. Additional task orders have been issued by the Forest Service. There were delays due to the government shutdown in October. Final EIS should be done in the spring 2014. An establishment of a multi-management subgroup has been formed with Steve Gatewood as chair. Group also includes Diane Vosick and Sue Sitko.

4. Presentation Campbell Group - 4FRI ~ Stephen Levesque

- Stephen Levesque and Scott Griffin were present for the Campbell Group. Stephen gave a recap of the organization. They will be in charge of forest management in a collaborative with Good Earth Power Arizona for the 4FRI Project. With their “Grow

the Good” they will become active in Flagstaff for donations to support the local community.

- With an agreement with Good Earth Power Arizona, they will build a foundation for managing a successful forest restoration program in Northern Arizona. They will engage with the community and stakeholders. They will also accelerate the rate of acres treated under the 4FRI stewardship contract.
- Next Steps: Campbell Group currently has two foresters on site. They will work with local forestry contractors before going out of region. They are tailoring their log accounting system to fulfill the requirements for the USFS.
- Community outreach – they plan to build relationships within the community. They will be establishing an office in Flagstaff which will be staffed with an area manager who will be the primary point of contact for Campbell Group. Their office will include a contract supervisor, administrative manager, GIS, information management, and administrative staff.
- Campbell Group will be presenting at the 4FRI meeting on December 11 with Good Earth Power Arizona.
- Contact information: Stephen Levesque 503-275-9675
slevesque@campbellgroup.com
- Kevin Kinsall stated that to assist in their success he can get the directors together regarding regulations and requirements if necessary.

5. State Update ~ Scott Hunt

- **Fuels Grants**~ Scott referred to the 2013 fuels grant handouts. Funding was approximately \$1 million. Received an additional \$250,000 ADEM funding for three projects. State Forestry Assistance WUI grants this year had approximately 15 applications.
- **Mitigation Program Review** ~Scott stated the Division will be performing a program review. If anyone is interested in participating, please let him know. Steve Gatewood volunteered to assist.

6. Statewide/National Forestry Activity Update

- **WFLC Federal Forestry Legislation Update ~ Scott Hunt**
 - Scott reviewed the information on the Legislative & Policy Update handout
 - With the government shutdown for 16 days, we are starting to see payments for fires. The Farm Bill expired on October 1, 2013.
 - Neil reported that there is a lot of movement to fund for suppression of fires. A fix is needed for this.
- **White Mountain Stewardship Contract ~ Jerry Payne**
 - Jerry reported that they continue to have logs available. Gary Moore stated that the last tree must be cut by July 15, 2014.
 - Logs are being exported to Mexico. Must be inspected. October 2012 to September 30, 2013 5 certificates were issued. Since October 1, 2013 111 certificates have been issued for truckloads of finished product. Every truck of green lumber must be certified and fumigated.
 - EPA is in communication with APHIS and the Northern Arizona Log Association
- **Forest Road Status ~ Patrick Rappold**
 - Patrick referenced the revised road costs handouts for logging activity on Northern Arizona roads. A big concern is the weight limitations for bridges.
 - Scott asked if there was any action the Forest Health Council needed to do.
 - Jerry Payne stated that the maintenance is still an issue. ADOT understands that 4FRI is coming on full force. It was reported that ADOT is on a five year plan but very limited funds. Maintenance issues are going to come soon.
 - Stephen Levesque said they would assist in prioritizing the needs with the 4FRI contract.

- **Flagstaff Watershed Project – Steve Gatewood**
 - Steve stated that they have been moving along and holding monitoring workshops. Timber sales have been listed for bid. Hand thinning is also being done.
- **Investment Strategy Workshop – Diane Vosik and Rebecca Davidson**
 - SRP sponsored the two day workshop. Attendance was over 300 people from the business community. Due to government shutdown, federal attendance was down. Great ideas were received. Outcomes will be posted on the SRP website within the next week. Looking for folks to respond to the action plan.
 - Looking into another workshop in February or March.
 - Coca Cola maintains water resources. Funds have been allocated. What are other larger corporate opportunities?

7. **Call to the Public**

- None

8. **Meeting Schedule and Locations**

- The next meeting will be January 9, 2014 in Phoenix at the same location if available.

Pascal Berlioux made a motion to adjourn. Steve Rosenstock seconded motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

*Dated this November 21, 2013
Arizona Forest Health Council*

<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>